

**Morro Bay National Estuary Program Site Visit Tour Itinerary
August 2, 2018**

On August 2nd, staff from the Morro Bay National Estuary Program (NEP) will give us a tour of Morro Bay project area. The tour will include meetings with key NEP partners.

EPA Attendees and direct contact information:

1. **Mike Stoker**, Regional Administrator
 - a. Cell: 213-215-3104
2. **Suzanne Marr**, Project Officer, Water Division
 - a. Cell: 510- 418-8149

Schedule:

8:30 am - Meet at Morro Bay National Estuary Program Office

601 Embarcadero Street (x Marina)

Morro Bay, CA (805) 772-3834

Take Exit 278 off Highway 1 for Morro Blvd.

Drive down the hill towards the water, to Marina and Embarcadero Streets.

Park in the cul-de-sac near the water in the 3-hour parking zone.

Look for Suzanne Marr who will be waiting for you.

Back-up Plan: If you do not see Suzanne, go up the back stairs (closest to the water) and through the doors to the second story of the Marina Square building.

(The front stairs on Embarcadero are not unlocked until later.)

Once inside, turn right, through the double doors into the Morro Bay NEP Office and ask for Lexie Bell and Ann Kitajima.

8:45 am to 8:55 am - Meet with Morro Bay NEP Staff

Lexie Bell, Executive Director

Ann Kitajima, Deputy Director

9:00 am to 9:20 - Meet at Harbor to Tour New Oyster Depuration Facility

Neal Maloney, Morro Bay Oyster Company

(Oyster farmer cannot make the boat tour so we will speak with him onshore before hand)

9:20 am – 10:00 am - Bay / Harbor Tour

Boat tour of Morro Bay with Morro Bay Harbor Department to view Morro Bay waters up close, including harbor, and eel grass habitat and multiple uses of the bay waters.

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Eric Endersby, Morro Bay Harbor Department

10:00 am to 10:30 am - Drive to Black Hill

10:30 to 11:30 am - Hike up Black Hill (0.6 mi. round trip) to view Morro Bay from above
Morro Bay National Estuary Program staff
Jody Weseman, California Conservation Corps

11:30 to 12:30 - Lunch - Location TBD, likely at a restaurant at harbor.
Morro Bay National Estuary Program staff
Joel Neel, Bay Foundation Board President
Gary Ruggerone, Bay Foundation Board Member
Dwayne Oberhoff, Morro Bay Community Quota Fund for the Morro Bay fishery
Jamie Irons, Morro Bay Mayor (tentative) Mr. Irons cannot make lunch but might join us at 8:45 or 9:00

12:30 to 1:00 - Drive to Cal Poly Rainwater Harvesting Site

1:00 to 2:00 pm - Cal Poly Rainwater Harvesting Tanks at Pennington Creek
Morro Bay National Estuary Program staff
Kevin Piper, Cal Poly Agricultural Sciences Department

At the Pennington Creek site, we will see:

- **Rainwater harvesting** to capture rainfall and store it for watering cattle during dry season to reduce dry-season creek diversions and minimize impacts to steelhead trout
- **Ranch road repairs** to reduce sediment erosion into creek
- **Riparian fencing** to reduce cattle impact on water quality (sediment, pathogens, nitrates)

2:00 pm - Drive back to Morro Bay NEP Office

2:30 pm - Press Availability by Water at Morro Bay NEP Office